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New Inter Colleges
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any amendments in Guidelines for Establishing New Inter Colleges for improved middle school education in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the details of key amendments, and financial constraints and future implications, in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (d) The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development has not issued any guidelines for "Establishing New Inter Colleges" for improved middle education in the country. However, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) launched in 2009 envisages universalizing access to secondary schools by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance (5 kilometer) of every habitation and a higher secondary school within a reasonable distance (7-10 kilometer). Further, when the scheme was launched in 2009-10, it was decided to implement it in a phased manner, the first phase was designed to make good quality secondary education available to young persons in the age group of 14-15 years. In view of the fact that higher secondary education provides an essential bridge between secondary and higher education, extension of the scope of the existing RMSA scheme to higher secondary schools is under consideration.
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